

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.  
Minutes (Draft) of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, April 23, 2022  
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI

Call to Order

President Heather Mullen called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. opening with a welcome reading. Heather introduced the head table, Bill Whelan, Parliamentarian, Dionne Tuplin, Treasurer and Mary MacDonald-Pickering, Secretary and welcomed the over 60 delegates and guests in attendance representing 27 Home and School Associations.

1. Adoption of Agenda 2022

**MOTION:** To adopt the 2022 AGM agenda as circulated.

Moved by Andrea Richard

Seconded by Tracey Lynne Ellsworth

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Adoption of AGM Minutes 2021

**MOTION:** To adopt the minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, May 10, 2021 as circulated.

Moved by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth

Seconded by Dionne Tuplin

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Comment: Reference page 12 in the Book of Reports, Resolution 2021-1; PEIHSF to ensure the Working Group includes families with lived experience.

3. President's Report

President, Heather Mullen provided highlights from her report in the 2022 Book of Reports (pages 18-21).

4. Financial Report

Dionne Tuplin, Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the PEIHSF fiscal year 2021 referencing page 26, Statement of Operations in the Book of Reports. The complete financials are on pages 22-31. David Wright, Accountant, was present to answer questions.

**MOTION:** To adopt the 2021 Fiscal Year Financial Review and report as presented.

Moved by Dionne Tuplin

Seconded by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** To appoint David Wright, Chartered Accounting services for the next year of operations.

Moved by Dionne Tuplin

5. Other Reports

Local Association Annual Reports are submitted by Association presidents (pages 32-69). Heather encouraged everyone to review the accounts of projects and activities happening in other school communities across the island. We learn from others. All reports are accepted as circulated.

6. Resolutions

Andrea Richard chaired the resolution portion of the meeting. The following proposed resolution was presented for consideration.

**RESOLUTION 2022-1      SCHOOL BUS MONITORS**  
**Submitted by Westwood Home and School Association**

- WHEREAS school buses on Prince Edward Island transporting children in grades K-6 currently have only one adult present on the bus - the bus driver, and
- WHEREAS school bus drivers are responsible for safely operating school buses while providing supervision of up to 70 children under the age of 12 for up to an hour at a time, and
- WHEREAS the Early Learning and Child Care Act Regulations, s. 19. (1) state that the minimum adult to child ratio for school-aged children in after-school care is 15:1, and
- WHEREAS the Province of PEI's distracted driving PSAs advises that "the only thing you should be doing while driving, is driving", and
- WHEREAS a major school bus accident occurred in October 2021 with an adult to child ratio of 25:1 on that school bus, and the accident could have been worse had the lone adult been injured, the accident occurred in a remote area, or if the accident had occurred earlier in the route with a larger ratio of children, and
- WHEREAS school buses on Prince Edward Island travel on narrow roads with little to no shoulder and winter driving conditions, which creates unavoidable safety issues for bus drivers who must pull over to respond to disciplinary, medical, or other issues, and
- WHEREAS incidents involving vehicles ignoring stop signs and flashing lights on school buses continue to occur regularly, and school bus drivers must closely monitor traffic and occasionally act quickly to avoid potentially fatal accidents, and
- WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island recently committed \$6.3 million to purchase 35 new electric school buses, with the health and safety of children as one of the stated benefits of the funding, and

WHEREAS we can all agree that the health and safety of children on Prince Edward Island is a top priority;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, Public Schools Branch, and other government departments responsible for transportation and child safety to implement the following regulation to have a minimum of two adults, including the bus driver, present on school buses transporting children in grades K-6 to improve supervision and safety.

DESTINATIONS: Department Education and Lifelong Learning  
Department Transportation and Infrastructure  
Public Schools Branch

BACKGROUND: [https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/e.01g-early learning and child care act regulations.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/e.01g-early%20learning%20and%20child%20care%20act%20regulations.pdf)

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 2022-1 as presented.

Moved by Angela Campbell.

Seconded by Jacinta Andrews.

Discussion followed before the vote.

Friendly amendments were accepted by mover and seconder, as follows:

1. 5th Whereas: "25:1" changed to "**27:1**"
2. Therefore be it resolved: "K-6" changed to "**K-12**"
3. Therefore be it resolved: "two adults" changed to "**two employed adults**"
4. "Bus Monitors" changed to "**Bus Aides**"
5. Therefore be it resolved: "present on school buses" changed to "**present on all school buses**"

**VOTE: All in favour of the motion.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVED RESOLUTION reads as follows:**

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-1**

#### **SCHOOL BUS AIDES**

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DESTINATIONS: Department Education and Lifelong Learning  
Department Transportation and Infrastructure  
Public Schools Branch

**BACKGROUND:**

[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/e.01g-early\\_learning\\_and\\_child\\_care\\_act\\_regulations.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/e.01g-early_learning_and_child_care_act_regulations.pdf)

**7. Nominating Report/Elections:**

Mike Stanley, Chair of the Nominations presented the Slate of Officers with a call for nominations to fill vacant positions. A slate of officers was nominated to fill vacant positions as follows:

| <u>Executive Position:</u> | <u>Name:</u>     | <u>Term expires:</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| President                  | Dionne Tuplin    | 2024                 |
| Vice President             | Shannon Bruyneel | 2024                 |
| Treasurer                  | Craig Goodick    | 2023                 |
| <u>Regional Directors:</u> |                  |                      |
| Charlottetown Rural        | Vacant           | 2024                 |
| Colonel Gray               | Vacant           | 2024                 |
| Kinkora                    | Vacant           | 2024                 |

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| Montague | Vacant          | 2024 |
| Morell   | Matthew McNally | 2024 |

Other vacant positions will be filled by the Federation Board.

**MOTION:** To approve the PEI Home and School Federation board of directors for 2022-2023 as presented.  
Moved by Tracey Lynn Ellsworth.  
Seconded by Mary Kendrick.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

The new PEI Home and School Federation Board was inducted by Bill Whelan, Parliamentarian. Outgoing board members were thanked for their contributions to the Federation during their terms of office.

8. New Business  
No new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting.  
Moved by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth.  
Seconded by Andrea Richard.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary MacDonald-Pickering, Secretary